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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/905,572	Applicant(s) SAFA	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 66-102 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 66-102 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-65 are cancelled.

Claims 66-102 are newly presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In general, such as at the second full paragraph of page 13 of the amendment, Applicant argued that the prior registration is not necessary for the claimed invention. In particular, in the particular case of claim 66, this refers to the limitation of the first computer arrangement being arranged to "receive fingerprint software from the second computer arrangement." Upon a careful consideration, the Office has decided that this is taught by UK Patent Application GB 2355322A (cited by Applicant, hereinafter "Wray"). Please see the rejection of claim 66 in the rejections section of this Office Action. The other claims also have analogous limitations and are rejected in analogous fashions in this regard. Please see the rejections section.

Applicant is requested to amend, explain away, or take other proper action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 66-102 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent 5,793,027 (cited by applicant, hereinafter "Waegener") and WO 9844402 (cited by Applicant, hereinafter "Bramhill") and UK Patent Application GB 2355322A (cited by Applicant, hereinafter "Wray").

Regarding claim 1, Waegener teaches "A network system comprising a first computer arrangement and a second computer arrangement connected by a computer network, the second computer arrangement storing data and fingerprint software,

wherein the first computer arrangement is programmed to:

transmit a request for data to the second computer arrangement;

...

execute the fingerprint software, wherein execution of the fingerprint software creates fingerprint data that is ...to the first computer arrangement and transmits the fingerprint data to the second computer arrangement; and

receive the requested data from the second computer arrangement, and wherein the second computer arrangement is programmed to:

receive a request for data from the first computer arrangement;

transmit the fingerprint software to the first computer arrangement in response to receiving the request;

receive fingerprint data from the first computer arrangement, the fingerprint data being ... to the first computer arrangement; and

transmit the requested data to the first computer arrangement in response to receiving the fingerprint data (column 3, lines 37-58; column 4 lines 9-22; column 4 line 10 to column 4, line 8; column 6, line 44 to column 7, line17)."

These passages of Waegener do not teach that the fingerprint data be "substantially unique" to the first computer in the sense of the claim.

Bramhill teaches such "substantially unique" nature (page 4, lines 15-29) for the motivation of greater security and identification (page 4, lines 15-20)..

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine teachings of Waegener and Bramhill for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the cited portions of the claimed invention.

These passages of Waegener do not teach that the first computer arrangement "receive fingerprint software from the second computer arrangement" in the sense of the claim.

Wray teaches that the first computer arrangement "receive fingerprint software from the second computer arrangement (Figure 8, step 200, and its attendant explanation in the specification)" for the motivation of positive client identification (page 16, the first full paragraph, i.e., the combining a key from the host with the system signature). This receiving step 200 of Wray and the setup step 400 (Figure 12) of Wray teaches such "receive fingerprint software from the second computer arrangement."

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These steps cannot be considered prior registration because these steps require a further key generation and because these steps are not sufficient for complete authorization (which would have resulted from a registration).

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine teachings of Waegener and Bramhill and Wray for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 76, 81, 90, 98, 102, these claims are analogous to claim 66 and use different, but well known hardware to actuate the claimed inventions.

Regarding claims 67, 77, 92, 91, 99, Bramhill teaches such "unique" nature (page 4, lines 15-29) for the motivation of greater security and identification (page 4, lines 15-20). Regarding claim 68-75, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers and for the purpose of security. Regarding claims 78-80, 83-89, 92-97, 99-101, these claims are analogous to claims 68-75. Such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers and for the purpose of security. See, for instance, Waegener at column 3, lines 37-58; column 4 lines 9-22; column 4 line 10 to column 4, line 8; column 6, line 44 to column 7, line 17.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Points of Contact

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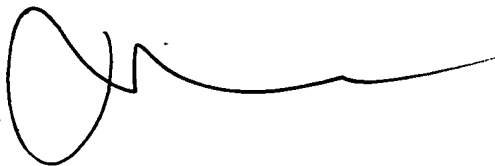
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Greg Morse whose telephone number is (571) 272-3838.

David Jung

Patent Examiner

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